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KAZUO FUJIBAYASHI ET AL. )  
Application No.: 10/084,928 )  
Filed: March 1, 2002 )  
For: IMAGE READING IMAGING OPTICAL )  
SYSTEM AND IMAGE READING )  
APPARATUS USING THE SAME )

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Group Art Unit: 2878  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Foreign Patent Documents, together with the European Search Report citing those documents, are also enclosed.

Of the references, we note that EP 0 814 596 is in the same family as U.S. Patent No. 6,088,134, already of record in this case.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

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Respectfully submitted,

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